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160 Boston, Jan. 5. 1852.

Esteemed Friend;

Pardon me for not instantly replying to your kind note of the first instant, which with its accompanying gifts, was received with great pleasure and heartfelt ~~pleasure~~ gratitude; but I desired to send you, though a very poor return indeed, the volume herewith enclosed, which was not then in the binding I wished. The selections from my writings have no literary merit, and certainly present my "fanaticism" and "infidelity" in their most offensive form; yet they seem to me exceedingly tame and commonplace, and I really marvel that such an excitement should have followed their promulgation through the Liberator. However, "what is writ is writ — would ~~that~~ it were worthier!" I need not assure you, that I shall carefully preserve and do my

highly prize the "Acceptured Sunbeam"
of our beloved friend Theodore Parker,
a "hardie" of no mean quality, and
a brave hearted reformer of no
common stature, who, though now
popularly decried and rejected,
is building for himself a most
solid fame. May he long be
preserved, perfecting humanity in
knowledge and in grace, and
mightily aiding in the redemption
of an afflicted and suffering
world!

My dear little Fanny was highly
delighted with your New Year presents,
and desires me to send you her hearty
thanks. Please give to your mother and
sisters the best wishes of the season
for me, and accept for yourself

nce" the assurances of my sincere esteem,—
in which my dear wife cordially
joins.—

Your much obliged friend.

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Miss Caroline C. Thayer